GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2948
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2005
INDIAN PRISON ACT
Choudhary Smt. Anuradha

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Indian Prison Act-1894 enacted during British rule for introducing reforms in jails as reported in Hindustan dated February 06, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission has given suggestions to the Government to expedite the judicial process; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): The Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission has written to all the Chief Justices of High Courts and suggested to expedite the judicial process by holding regular special courts in jails and its monitoring by them, review the cases of undertrials on a monthly basis and to consider release of undertrials on personnel bonds on a review after 6-8 weeks. The Government of India in 2000 sanctioned a scheme for the creation of 1734 fast track courts. As on 7.3.05, 1699 fast track courts have been established out of which 1549 courts have already started functioning and they have disposed off 6,57,462 cases.